

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at Copenhagen June 9 and 21 and July 7 and 8, 1947

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The American Embassy to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

AMERICAN EMBASSY
COPENHAGEN, June 9, 1947

AIDE MEMOIRE

It is understood that the Danish Embassy at Washington has informally discussed with the Department of State the possibility of effecting a reciprocal arrangement for the abolition of non-immigrant passport visa requirements. Unfortunately Section 30 of the Alien Registration Act of 1940² makes it impossible for the United States Government to enter into an agreement for the abolition of visas for persons entering the United States.

However, should the Danish Government feel disposed to waive visa requirements for American citizens entering Denmark for a temporary period, the Government of the United States would be inclined to grant gratis visas valid for twenty-four months to Danish subjects coming to the United States for a temporary visit. Such visas would be valid for any number of entries into the United States or United States territory within the period above mentioned, provided the non-immigrant status of the bearer is maintained

¹ In an exchange of notes at Washington April 30 and May 1, 1958 (not printed), the United States and Denmark agreed that:

"1. American citizens who wish to stay in Denmark for a period exceeding *three months* after the entry from a non-Nordic country into one of the countries party to the above-mentioned convention [convention of July 12, 1957, between Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden regarding abolition of passport control at inter-Nordic frontiers] must apply for a residence permit in Denmark.

"2. The time-limit of three months will be counted from and including the date of his last entry into the territory of the said Nordic countries. A visitor who during the last six months before his last entry has been staying in one of the Nordic countries will, however, have such a period of stay deducted from the said period of three months."

² 54 Stat. 673.

at the time of each application for admission. The period of validity of a visa relates only to the period within which it may be used in connection with an application for admission to the United States, but does not refer to the length of the stay of the alien in the United States, which is a matter within the discretion of the immigration authorities.

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ROYAL MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Copenhagen.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

UDENRIGSMINISTERIET

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NOTE VERBALE

Referring to the American Embassy's Aide Memoire no. 261 of September 3rd, 1946, regarding American joint passports being valid for entry into Denmark and later conversations on the same subject the Ministry for Foreign Affairs have the honour to inform the Embassy that the Ministry of Justice have informed the authorities concerned that American passports including the bearer's wife and children under 21 years of age are valid for entry into Denmark as from June 14th, 1947. 2 copies of the circular regarding this matter are enclosed.³

Furthermore the Ministry of Justice have agreed in principle to the abolition of non-immigrant visa requirements for United States citizens coming to Denmark provided that the visa facilities mentioned in the Embassy's Aide Memoire of June 9th, 1947, be granted Danish subjects visiting the United States.

In order to expedite the abovementioned visa arrangement the Ministry for Foreign Affairs would appreciate at the earliest convenience to be informed of the American Government's attitude towards the matter.

COPENHAGEN, *June 21st, 1947.*

[SEAL]

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY,
Copenhagen.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

UDENRIGSMINISTERIET

A. Journal Nr. 36. D. 57. a.

NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs present their compliments to the American Embassy and with reference to their note verbale of June 21st, 1947,

³ Not printed here.

have the honour to inform the Embassy that according to a decree issued by the Ministry of Justice on June 27th, 1947, no visas are required as from that date for citizens of the United States of America visiting Denmark.

In case it is desired to extend the visit for a period exceeding 3 months, or, if the visitor should wish to take up employment in this country, an application to that effect must be submitted to the competent Danish authorities.

COPENHAGEN, *July 7th, 1947.*

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THE AMERICAN EMBASSY,
Copenhagen.

The American Embassy to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

AMERICAN EMBASSY

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COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, *July 8, 1947*

The American Embassy presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Ministry's note verbale (A. Journal Nr. 36. D. 57. a.) of July 7, 1947. It is noted with satisfaction that according to a decree issued by the Ministry of Justice on June 27, 1947, visas are no longer required for citizens of the United States of America visiting Denmark. Note has also been taken of the fact that this decree does not affect the length of stay in the country and that application must be made to the competent Danish authorities if the stay exceeds three months or if the visitor wishes to take employment in Denmark.

The United States Government in view of the above action regarding requirements for United States citizens proceeding to Denmark, has authorized its consular offices to issue to non-immigrant Danish subjects, other than officials, visas valid for any number of entries into the United States and its possessions during the period of 24 months from the date of issuance, provided they hold valid Danish passports and continue to maintain non-immigrant status. The period of validity of the visa relates to the period within which the visa is used for presentation at a port of entry and not to the length of stay in the United States, which is a matter for determination by the immigration or other appropriate authorities. The provisions of the agreement of July 1925 ⁴ relative to the waiver of visa fees for non-immigrants continue in effect.

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⁴ *Ante*, p. 76.